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MOSELLE RIVER

1944

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Seventy years ago saw the beginning of the greatest story of the 20th century. It is a story that would lead to the liberation of France and a large part of Europe, which finally escaped from Nazi dictatorship.

As in 2004 and 2010, the Association "Moselle River 1944" has decided again in 2014 to pay homage to the Greatest Generation, those who crossed the Atlantic to free the homeland of Lafayette.

We will welcome our liberators from Saturday, November 8 to Sunday, November 16, 2014, in order to commemorate with them the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the region of Thionville and the crossing of the Moselle River.

Our commemoration project is supported by the French government and has obtained the support of the largest cities of the region as well as that of the President of the General Council of the Moselle, which is sponsoring the Day of Remembrance in Moselle on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

The Moselle River Association has committed to paying for the cost of the stay for each American World War II veteran, or for the widows of these soldiers, as well as a companion, with double room accommodation. However, for others who wish to participate in the commemoration events week, we request that they share in the costs in the amount of 90 euros per person per day.

If the person accompanying a veteran wishes a single room accommodation and does not wish to share the room with the veteran, we request a single-room supplement payment of 65 euros per day for the lodging portion of the costs for that person.

The events will begin at the Hôtel L'Horizon in Thionville on Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. Registration for families will not take place at the Hôtel L'Horizon, but in a major hotel in downtown Thionville. We will notify you of the address at the beginning of October. The costs for the events will be covered by our Association from Saturday, November 8 until the last night, November 16.

Participants who wish to return directly home following the events can plan their return trip starting Monday, November 17. Transfer to Metz will also be organized for those who will be attending the ceremonies organized by that city.

So that we can best organize your stay here and plan for the various events, we need to know as soon as possible which families are interested in this last homage.

Veterans and their families may register through their veterans' association, through our representatives in the US, or directly with the Association, by filling out an on-line form on our website:

<http://www.moselleriver1944.org>.

We hope that we will be able to welcome you here next November so that we may thank you for the magnificent gift of liberty that you gave us in November 1944.

With deepest gratitude,  
Pascal Moretti, President  
Association "Moselle River 1944"